--- 50 Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 132 x 16 mm. strip - scanned at 100% scale ---

The **Budget of 1897** increased the excise duty to $ 3.00 per thousand for ***foreign leaf*** cigarettes weighing *less than* three pounds per thousand, and to $ 8.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing *over* three pounds per thousand.

★**RC-190** - 50 cigarettes, perf 12

★**RC-191** - 50 cigarettes, coarse roulette, a top pair from Plate No. 1 - plus three ***plain copies***

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